

Feeling peachy!



Hannah Williams serves up just-picked peaches at Kalawi Farms in Eagle Springs. See pages 12-14 for more on Kalawi and Ben's Ice Cream, including an upcoming ice cream eating contest.

Board okays expansion of SLLA equestrian program

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Stables Manager Kate Pennington wants to extend the traditional skill-building Horse Camps offered at the stables into a more challenging year-round program. From beginner and intermediate jumping to interstate horse shows, the SLLA's most unique amenity is about to grow well beyond trail and pony rides.

During the SLLA's Wednesday, June 26 Open Meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve the expanded stable programs.

"I would like to introduce everybody here to Kayleigh

Wachter," Recreation Director Bob Darr said, singling out a young participant in one of the first horse shows in which Seven Lakes Stables participated. "She went to a horse show and won eight ribbons. Congratulations! It is great to have you here."

The wrong kind of horsing around

The tired old saying, "kids will be kids," is becoming an expensive cliché for the Association, as youth vandalism continues. Teenagers have practiced little common sense when climbing onto the pool and club house roofs at night, causing expensive damage to the new shingles.

Board Member Chuck Leach reminisced about a

helpful public service announcement that was broadcast when he was a parent of teenagers.

"It is 10:00 pm. Do you know where your child is?" It might be something we want to implement here," Leach said. "We need to know where the kids are."

More Summer security

To deter youthful indiscretions during the warm nights of Summer, the Board voted to increase its security roving patrol by sixteen hours per week for the months of July through September, at an expense not to exceed \$2,600.

The motion allowed for the scheduling and routing of the patrol to be determined

(See "SLLA," p. 28)

Foxfire, County continue talks on water system merger

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



Foxfire Village and Moore County continue to work toward a merger of the Village and County water systems.

Council members Steve Durham and Leslie Frusco, along with water Superintendent Jon Sedlak recently met with Moore County Public Works Director Randy Gould, County Manager Wayne Vest, and County Commissioner Larry Caddell to continue discussions on the proposed merger.

"We still have a little more work to do, but I thought the meeting went well," Durham reported. "The

County is willing to work with us and structure the finance in a favorable way."

The proposal would include Moore County absorbing the Village's Water Department debt of \$400,000 and taking over the water tower and the current water delivery system. The County would also lay

necessary water lines to connect the two systems.

In order to pay for the lines the Village's current water rates would remain in place for twenty years and would not be reduced to Moore County's current rates. However Foxfire Village's rates

(See "Foxfire," p. 25)

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Filing period open for Foxfire Council

Three of the five seats on the Foxfire Village Council are up for grabs on Election Day, November 5. Leslie Frusco has already filed to run for re-election. Mick McCue told *The Times* he plans to do the same; Vic Koos has yet to decide whether to run again.

The filing period opened on July 5 and closes at Noon of Friday, July 19. Information on how to file is available from the Moore County Board of Elections at 910-947-3868 or on the web at moorecountync.gov.

NAMI offers 10-week 'Peer-to-Peer' program

The National Alliance on Mental Illness- Moore County [NAMI-MC] is offering their popular 10-session "Peer-to-Peer Program" which is free and open to the public.

The course begins on Monday, 15 July and is held each Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm and ends on Wednesday, 14 August. The course will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in their Parish Hall, 160 E. Vermont Ave., Southern Pines.

Peer-to-peer is a unique learning program for people with a mental illness who are interested in establishing and maintaining their wellness and recovery.

The course is taught by a team of two trained "mentors" who are personally experienced at living well with their mental illnesses. The course uses a combination of lecture,

interactive exercises and structured group processes; that provide individuals with the opportunity for growth and understanding on the road to recovery. The diversity of experience within each group of participants can lead to a lively dynamic that moves the course along.

This course is designed for

those diagnosed and in treatment for Major Depression, ADHD, Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Panic Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, and others.

Participants will receive handout materials and other tangible resources that

include Advance Directives, a "Relapse Prevention Plan" to help identify tell-tale feelings, thoughts, behaviors, or events that may warn of impending relapse and the need for intervention; mindfulness exercises to help focus and calm thinking and survival skills for working with

professionals and the general public. All course-discussions are confidential.

Seating is limited, and registration must be completed by 10 July.

For more information, visit www.nami-moorecounty.org or call 910-295-1053.

Clarification

Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Events Director Rosemary Weber expressed concern that our story on the Tuesday, June 26 Board meeting may have created the impression that CAS, Inc. staff are currently involved in the planning and execution of Community Events.

Weber told *The Times* that "CAS has not orchestrated any of the Events for Seven Lakes West -- and will not, until next year, when the Events Director's position will be eliminated, along with the Safety and Security Director position, reducing the Board to seven Directors."

Fizzy fun at the library

Teens are invited to find out how Coke and Mentos make for Weird Science at the Main Library in Carthage on Friday, July 12 from 4:30 to 6:00pm.

Be sure to wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy! For more info, call

947-5335 or check out Moore County Library on Facebook.

Moore County Library is located at 101 Saunders Street in Carthage and is open Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 6:00 pm, and Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Wedding prompts discussion of park rules

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



A new generation of creative brides is seeking less conventional sites for weddings and receptions. One Seven Lakes bride recently enquired about having her wedding at Foxfire Village Green Municipal Park.

The request was open for consideration at the Thursday, June 27 Foxfire Work Session as the board discussed appropriate fees, limited parking, weather contingencies, and additional security.

Parking Limited

Earlier in the month Village Clerk Lisa Kivett contacted Council Member Mick McCue to ask whether there is adequate parking for such a large event.

Sufficient parking has been a problem for past events,

said Council Member Vic Koos.

During the Kids Fishing Tournament in honor of former Village Police Chief Rick Rhyne, there was damage to the sidewalks and also sprinkler heads, Koos said.

"I totally believe in this activity," he explained. "I also believe in someone having a wedding. We should let them have it. If it doesn't rain, they can park on the grass. The grass will come back. We can mark the sprinkler heads."

Rules needed?

"It comes down to some really basic issues for me," Councilman Steve Durham said.

"We shouldn't have any rules or ordinances that we can't enforce. If we have limited parking, and we are concerned about overflow parking, then we should say events can only occur if cars don't exceed the number of parking lots."

McCue agreed with Durham that the rules should be specific, applicable, and made clear up front.

"Let's take the wedding just as an example," McCue said. "Is that something you want to happen — and I think that we do. We go to them and ask, what is your parking plan? If you have 100 people coming, then you can have 10 parked cars. You are going to have to have a contingency plan or a bus to bring in your guests."

Proximity of the park to residential housing was also a concern for Councilwoman Leslie Frusco.

"Do we want establish the same hours — 'from dawn to dusk' — for special events that is already in place?" Frusco asked.

No need to reinvent the wheel

Mayor George Erickson reminded the Council that many of their concerns had

been addressed years ago when the park was completed.

"The original Park Committee created and adopted the rules," Erickson said. "Public use of the park is dawn to dusk. But the rules do state that exceptions can be made with special permission. Lisa can email a copy of what the rules are."

"You can say it, but, if you don't do something to enforce it, it's kind of a moot point," Frusco said. "Do we want to have a chain across the gate?"

Frusco suggested that the Village should require a deputy on duty during the major events. The Council agreed that weddings would fall under the \$500 special use fee, and that a separate charge to rent the pavilions would also apply.

Exploring options for Woodland Circle property

The Village currently owns a large tract of land in Wood-

land Circle. The Council discussed what might be the best way to market or utilize the acreage. Mayor Erickson suggested that the land could possibly create revenue for the Village if utilized as a solar farm.

Frusco presented a draft of three possible options, including the solar farm, for the Council members to read and consider at their convenience.

"The land also has the potential to be some type of residential, townhome property, or assisted living facility," Frusco said.

"My thought is to target bigger developers and home builders," she explained. "We could expand that with a little effort and investigate on the web to find other interests. We could write a proposal and send it to people who build and operate assisted living facilities in the state."

(See "Village," p. 29)

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New pastor at Bensalem inherits a pulpit

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

On January 29, 1756 the Reverend Hugh McAden, a Presbyterian missionary struck out for the Sandhills of North Carolina to preach the gospel the Gaelic-speaking Highland Scots who had settled in the area.

"Preached on Thursday to a small congregation, mostly Highlanders, who were very much obliged to me for coming and highly pleased with my discourse," McAden wrote in his journal.

Aware that some in that congregation had passed the night at a nearby tavern, drinking and using strong language, he went on to write, "though, alas, I am afraid it was all feigned and hypocritical."

Holy Intentions

A few years later, another Presbyterian, John Bethune, sought to bring temperance and the gospel to Moore County's Highland Scots.

To that end, he helped establish three churches that survive to this day: Bensalem (originally called Ottery) near Eagle Springs; Culdee near Eastwood, and Bethesda in Aberdeen. But his loyalty to the British King put him at odds with the Revolutionary Whigs, and he was captured in 1776 at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge outside



The majestic spire of Bensalem Presbyterian Church rises above the long leaf pines.

of Wilmington.

Even without Bethune at the helm the three churches survived. Early on, Ottery struggled with operations and record keeping. Holding a strict line on misconduct Ottery, lost several offenders to the more lenient Baptists.

A Peaceful Rechristening

Ottery worked diligently to establish itself. But not until 1835, when the church was admitted to the Fayetteville Presbytery were better order and better records kept. To complete the transformation, Ottery was rechristened Bensalem, Hebrew for Son of Peace. Yet others insist that the meaning is Hill of Peace. Regardless "peace" was the word of the day.

Church records from the

nineteenth century reveal far more than attendance and tithes. The church played a crucial role in holding souls to the straight and narrow. Indiscretions ranging from profanity to dancing were brought before the church elders.

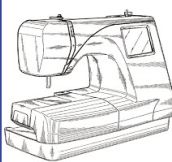
It is not known whether the elders had a change of heart or were tired of losing good Scots to the more forgiving Baptists. Regardless, they eventually softened and pardoned many transgressions requiring only simple penitence and encouragement to do better.

From Vines to Oaks

Structure and good records provided Bensalem's congregation consistency and order.

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The congregation was also in need of physical structure. The original brush arbor was updated into a hewn log one room building with a dirt floor. As the community became more established, so did the need for a sounder building.

In the late 1850s the beloved "Old Bensalem" was built on a foundation of large stones. But, on the night of

March 7, 1958 Old Bensalem burned to the ground, leaving only the faithful and dedicated congregation. By morning, local men began the work of clearing way debris and preparing the ground to rebuild.

Jim & Estella Williams' sons Arthur, Roy, James, and Foster Williams provided the lumber for the rebuilding of Bensalem Church. They were all in the logging busi-

ness.

Nancy Williams Green, granddaughter of Jim and Estella, talked about the fire: "The gazebo near the cemetery sits on the site of where the old building stood. The pulpit was the only thing that was saved from the fire."

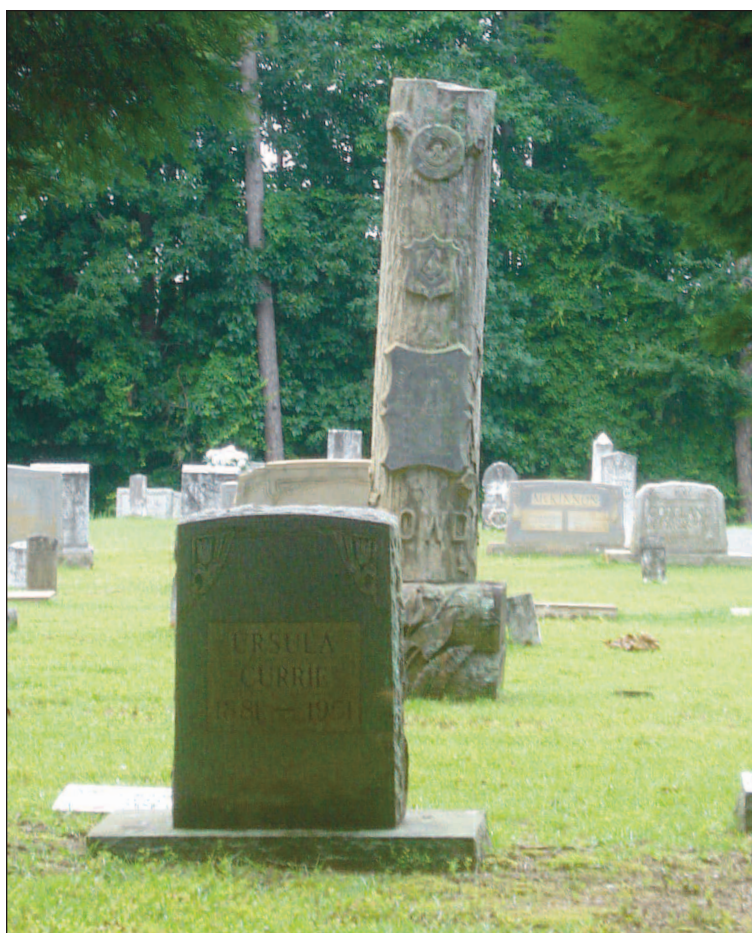
Growing in Grace

The "new" Bensalem is today already a historic building with unique and original architecture. The sharply arched gothic doors open into a beautiful sanctuary. The pitched ceiling and walls are richly planked with aged oak. Sunlight streams through the updated stained glass.

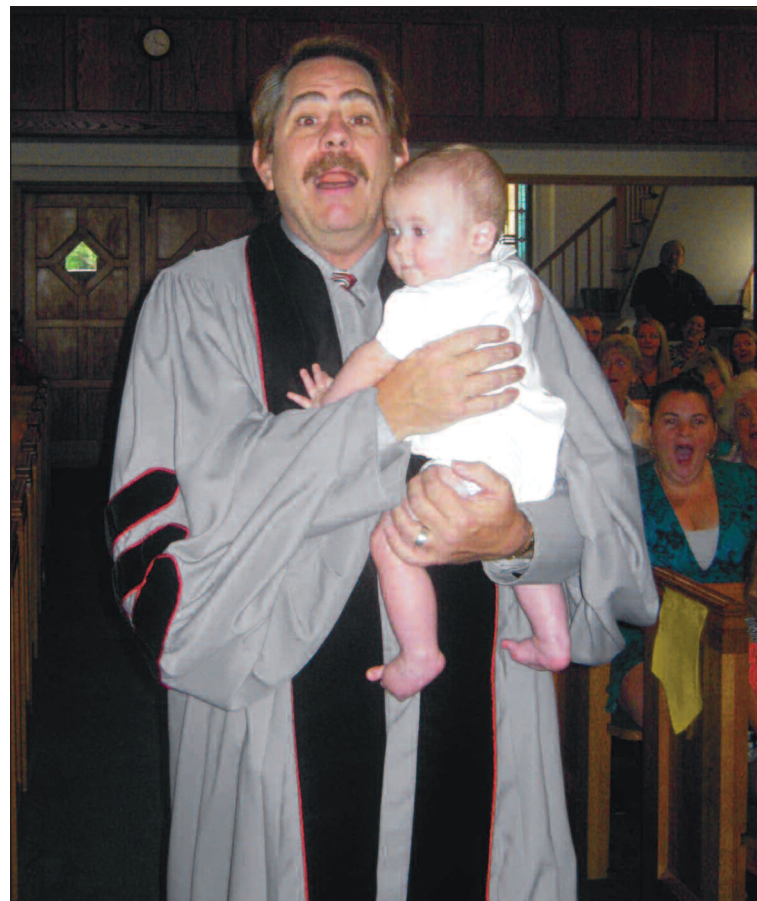
It is Sunday morning and the pews are filled with fourth and fifth generation descendants of the original Highland Scots, as well as more recent transplants from across the US.

The congregation starts each Sunday off with a big breakfast at 9:15 am. Sunday school classes take turns preparing the meal. Breakfast is followed by Sunday school at 10:00 am and Worship Service at 11:00 am.

After the service, Mathew and Laura Cosner stay behind to complete the last minute details for Vacation Bible School. Laura grew up (See "Bensalem," p. 6)



Historic headstones in the Bensalem Cemetery



Bensalem Pastor Dr. Mark Carver and a young parishoner lead the congregation in a hymn.

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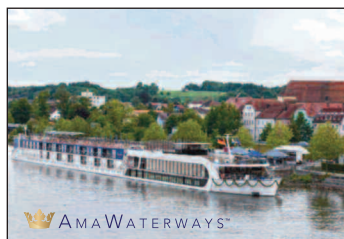
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Bensalem

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at Bensalem.

"I went to church all my life and I got married here," she says. "My grandfather Arthur Williams helped build the church. It is so family-oriented. We all care deeply about one another, and it is evident. Bensalem is there to catch you when you fall."

Cosner sums up Bensalem perfectly: a healthy blend of history and present. Across the drive, tucked behind the fellowship hall, is a large picnic shelter, playground, swings, and basketball goal.

Cosner insists that everyone, including new members, is family.

"It feels like we are all related," she says. "We are in sync with one another and you can just feel the love."

Filling a Need

Pastor Mark Carver experienced that love when he was welcomed into the Bensalem family many years ago. Filling in for a retired pastor, he and his family grew to love Bensalem. The feeling was mutual and Bensalem wanted him to become their pastor.

"They asked me to come out and fill the pulpit on Sundays and provide pastoral care," Carver explained. "I served in that capacity from 2004 to 2006, when they asked me if I would like to be full-time. After three years, an interim is not allowed to take over as pastor. I was told that I had to go."

Patience is Virtue

The Presbyterian Church's passion for doing all things decently and in good order — the rules that strengthened Bensalem in its early years

— had now become a stumbling block. Gone were the days when a well-liked pastor could show up to preach and be hired by the congregation.

Carver respected the Presbyterian Church's authority, and another pastor was appointed for Bensalem.

Carver and his wife Theresa and their children moved to Richmond County, where Carver was employed as a Hospice Chaplain. It was six years later when he received a call from Bensalem. He was told that the previous pastor had left, and he was asked if he was interested in coming back.

"It was a long process," Carver said of his nine year journey to officially filling the

Bensalem pulpit. "The upside is we tried to do things decently and in order. Even though it has been six to seven years, I was still getting calls for weddings, baptisms, and funerals. We had made so many good friends out here."

There is still a house to sell and another move to complete. But the Carvers are not sweating the details.

"I am elated," Carver said. "We are very happy to be back."

Our reporting on the history of Bensalem draws heavily on the fascinating and comprehensive history of the church's first 200 years prepared by its Bicentennial Committee in 1990. —GH

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The Gray Havens - folk pop with a side of jazz

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

When *Times* readers last encountered Dave Radford, he was a 17-year-old "crooner" singing his heart out on the television set, competing as a finalist in the fifth season of the enormously popular American Idol program.

Radford, the grandson of Loren and Judy Swearingen of Seven lakes North, didn't make it all the way to the grand prize of that competition, but his musical career has continued and, recently, taken off in an exciting new direction.

Radford and his wife Licia just completed their first tour performing as The Gray Havens, a "folk-pop" duo, promoting their newly-released CD "Where Eyes Don't Go."

The tour took them all the way from their home in the Chicago suburbs to a church in Brooklyn, NY, and the welcome they received from fans along the way proved something of a surprise to the couple.

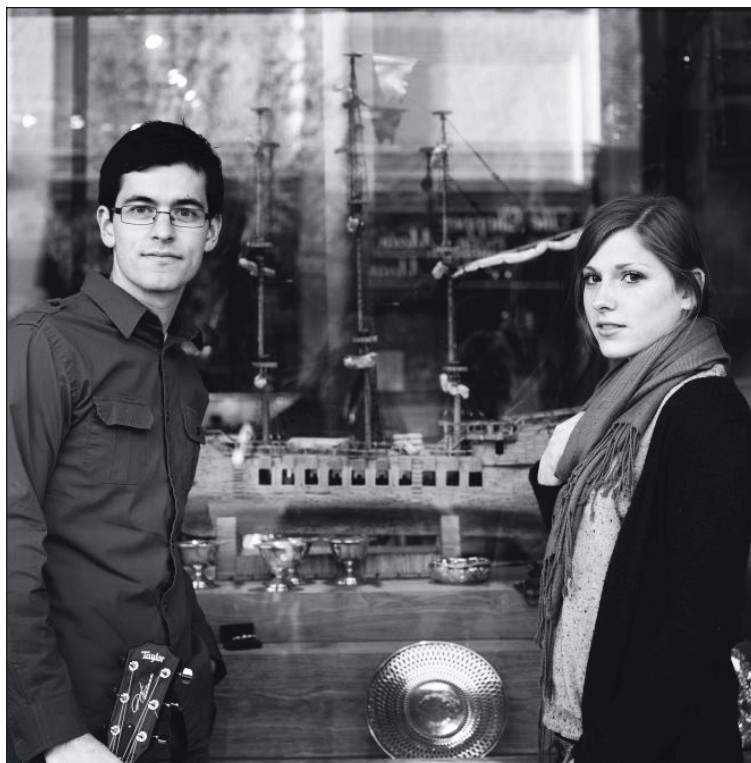
Plugging into an online new music community called NoiseTrade, they built a database of several thousand listeners, Dave Radford told *The Times*. When they let those folks know they were interested in touring, invitations came from all over, and they assembled a collection of gigs in the Pennsylvania and New York areas, playing colleges, churches, and house concerts.

"We were really happy with it," Radford said. "The families that hosted us were very generous, as were churches and colleges. We were overwhelmed and surprised by how much people want to give and help -- particularly younger start-up artists like us."

That has The Gray Havens planning tours in Michigan and "out west," as well as working on material for another CD.

What do they sound like?

The Gray Havens' music fits into that broad — and currently very popular —



The Gray Havens – Dave & Licia Radford

style called "folk pop." It's energetic music that relies on jangling guitars, lots of acoustic instruments, and the chord structures of traditional folk music. Think Mumford & Sons or the Lumineers, to mention two bands that have recently done very well in the genre.

But Dave Radford's deep knowledge of the great jazz standards, and the phrasing of the great vocalists like Martin and Sinatra, give The Gray Havens a sound that you won't find anywhere else. The melodies are more complex, more jazzy. And the

(See "Gray Havens," p. 18)

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Seven Lakes Aeromodelers host a field day

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

The silhouette of the glider sails silently on the warm thermals. It is an art to read the wind. Circling birds know the secret of lift rising with ease on warmer air.

"I look to the trees, grasses, and birds to find lift," Jason Scribner says, with his eyes to the heavens while standing with his feet firmly planted on ground. "It is like looking

for a needle in a haystack. It is part luck and part instinct. It's almost Zen-like; and, for just a second, you feel like you have conquered nature."

It is easy to over compensate — creating such a graceful arc, one naturally thinks, should warrant a grand flourish on the remote control's joy stick. But less is more, and a gentle touch is the mark of a skilled pilot.

The peaceful, overcast, cool June morning should be calming. But two local Cub Scout troops are giddy with anticipation to have their chance to fly a remote controlled airplane.

The Seven Lakes Aeromodeler's Club has graciously hosted the event as a thank you to the den leaders of two

local packs who are also National Guard Staff Sergeants: David Watts and Aron Butler. Watts & Butler make it possible for the club to use the National Guard facility in Southern Pines during the cooler months.

The whole club has turned out, happy to chaperone and share their knowledge. The

spectator area is mowed and clean.

The planes themselves are surprisingly quiet, and birds can be heard singing in the nearby woods. There is a corrugated building with a television and flight simulator, a grill cooking hotdogs, and an ice chest full of soda and

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Matt Robeson transports his plane to the runway.



Members of the Seven Lakes Aeromodelers Club sit back and enjoy the show.

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for local Scout troops

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homemade chocolate chip cookies. What more could a kid want?

Aeromodelers President Roger Casavant insists that safety comes first. The rules of flying etiquette are designed to promote safety. The operator must announce when he is coming onto the field, and only one or two planes

fly at a time.

Casavant introduced his own children to model airplanes. "When I first started, my kids were young," he said. "Radio Control was introduced in the seventies."

Glider pilot Scribner wasn't much older when his father, Louie Scribner, first introduced him to remote control gadgets.

No doubt Scribner's dad Louie had found the right bait to bring his son back into the aeromodeler's fold. Little did he suspect that his son would soon become a strong competitor.

"Gliding bit me even harder," Scribner said. "It's totally quiet. With gliders, it is you against the wind. Birds have instincts that far surpass what I have."

On the field, Scribner demonstrates. He holds the plane with an extended arm and turns in quick circles. He seamlessly slings the glider up. It lifts and Scribner is silent searching for that illusive thermal column.

In the aeromodeler's world, before you fly it, you must build it.

"When I was a kid, I started with a little rubber-band-powered model; and, by my teens, I had progressed to gas-powered," Walt Dower said. Building the planes

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Matt Robeson & his dad Phillip find flying is a great father and son hobby.

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Delegates from the League of Women Voters of Moore County attended the North Carolina state convention in Charlotte the weekend of May 31-June 2. The theme of this year's convention was Ensure a Future with a focus on Mission, Members and Money.

Patrick Coughlin, CEO and President of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, was among the speakers. During the banquet and awards presentation, the local Moore League received a project award for the annual Lunch with Legends fundraising event. The proceeds of this successful event in March will be used this coming year toward a middle school video project on "The Power of the Vote," Ruth



League of Women Voters delegates: Kathy Bergquist, Bonnie Roberson and Ann Torok and Carol Wurster (not available for photo)

Pauley Lecture series participation and contribution, voter information and other voter outreach projects.

Please visit the League of

Women Voters of Moore County website for more information: www.LWVMC.org.

Aeromodelers

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themselves is as much fun as the flying."

For those mechanically challenged there are ARF's [Almost Ready to Fly]. "They are already built and all you have to do is put them together," Dower explained. "ARF's are short cuts that you can get up in the air faster. But you miss out on the building. My B52 took me nine months to build. I flew it twice and now have suspended it from the ceiling. I just had so much invested in it."

But commitment and interest are more important than the monetary investment. A club member shows the scouts how to fashion a penny glider out of a foam plate, penny and tape. You can't get cheaper than that.

The men joke about keeping their investments secret from their wives. The hobby can get pricy, with some larger models costing in the \$1,000's.

Monica Roebson takes it all in stride. Her husband Phil and their two sons Matt, 12 years old, and, Chaz seven years old, have a safe fun and educational hobby.

"It's great for the boys," she said. "They are involved in something that is produc-

tive and can be used down the road. Aeronautics and engineering can parlay into a career later on."

But, she would love to recapture her dining room table.

"My living room is full of projects, and my kitchen table is covered. There are parts every where," she laughs.

Philip appreciates Monica's patience and good humor and is currently building an addition specifically for their flying gear.

Matt is now good enough

to enter competitions. He is friends with Justin Cheek, who goes to elementary school in Fayetteville. They travel the circuit and get to see each other several times a month.

Matt and Justin tinker with the models, throw a Frisbee and play tag. They both agree flying is more fun than building. Matt wants to go into the Air Force and pilot drones. Justin wants to be an artist and create graphics. But today they are happy and content enough just being kids.



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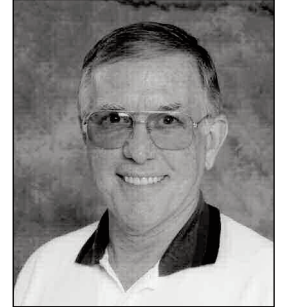
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Kalawi Farms and Ben's Ice Cream serve

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

"Yummy," third grader Phillip Thompson says, double fistng an RC Cola in one

hand and a crispy waffle cone full of cookies and cream ice cream. It's worth the drive from Sanford, according to Thompson's grandparents

Bucky and Frances Phillips. They are happy to travel the scenic countryside to Kalawi Farms and Ben's Ice Cream several times a month.

It is a sweet July day, and Dora Lancaster, a thirty-five year resident of Seven Lakes enjoys fresh peach ice cream with friend Hilda Smith from Ashe County, NC. Lancaster, a retired West End teacher taught "Ben" in fifth grade. She laughs and says that is her claim to fame.

Everything is in a name — just ask Jan and Art

Williams, whose children inspired the name "Kalawi Farms." Katie, Laura, and Will condensed to "KaLaWi" Farms, the original peach stand. Then along came younger brother, Ben, who stands alone with Ben's Ice Cream.

A whole family of ice cream flavors

The newest Williams grandbaby, four month old Wade, laughs in a well-used baby swing hanging in the middle of the farm stand. Each

grandchild has an nice cream flavor named for him or her: Wade's Whipped Orange, Nash's Nanna Pudding, and Kendrick Carmel Crunch.

Summer scooper Hannah Williams, another member of the extended Williams family and a junior at East Montgomery High, calmly mans the hectic ice cream stand.

When asked if she ever gets tired of peaches and ice cream she replies emphatically, "Never. I am never tired of peaches — they are my

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Nothing goes better with an RC Cola than a waffle cone full of Cookies & Cream, according to Phillip Thompson.

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firm, sweetly tart, and intense.

Trying a wedge of Winblo, Charles Lambert clearly appreciates its perfection and spears a second piece. Lambert, a Robbins resident, retired Moore County Schools Principal, and active member of the School Board, is enjoying a carefree summer day, picking up ice cream for his family.

Not to be left out, young Phillip Thompson tries a slice of peach. He smiles, sticky with ice cream. His straight As earned him a \$25 award from Central Electric. A seasoned wake boarder, he is preparing for his first competition in September.

"It took me five minutes to learn how to wake board," he explains. "I like fresh water better, salt water makes me itch."

Young and old alike sit in

swings, metal gliders, and at picnic tables, quietly enjoying their ice cream. Children play tag and a mother gleans her minivan's cup holders and car seats for silver to buy her little girl another serving.

Across NC Highway 211, the peach orchard is ripening under the warm afternoon sun. The rescued coins clink together as a little girl races triumphantly to order another scoop of peaches and cream.



At Kalawi Farms, the peaches are right across NC Highway 211.

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Eating a lot of ice cream for a great cause

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

Katie Tucker and Kenzie Jones are cousins and best friends for life.

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Jones already knew exactly which hungry children she wanted to help. Christening her endeavor "The Breakfast Project," she aims to raise \$4,800 to provide a group of Haitian school children breakfast for a year. Currently, the children are subsisting on one meal a day.

The Haiti Connection

Jones already had a Haiti connection; her mother, Sylvia Pusser, sponsors a child in Haiti. Pusser, a retired professor from St. Andrews College has traveled to the island nation four times. She dreams of helping to build a school for the Haitian community.

Pusser's commitment to Haiti has grown into a family and community endeavor. Her husband Nelson, a farmer who works for Coastal Agrobusiness in Carthage, recently traveled to Haiti with Sylvia to help teach better farming practices.

Haiti is a rugged, mountainous country on the island of Hispaniola. Before European exploration, it was a lush, peaceful country inhabited by the indigenous Taino/Arawak. Under first Spanish and then French rule the Taino/Arawak were enslaved and exterminated through ruthless mistreatment. African Slaves were then imported as the unpaid labor force.

The Haitian French Colonial Period is infamous for its brutality and inhumane treatment of slaves. The poorest of poor worked the fields to produce luxury crops of sugar, coffee, and tobacco for French consumers. After hundreds of years of exploita-



Hilda Smith and Dora Lancaster enjoy cones of Ben's Ice Cream

tion, poor land management, and civil unrest, subsistence farming in Haiti is difficult at best.

Sylvia Pusser plans to return to Haiti in August, and her daughter's goal is to have raised \$4,800 in Breakfast Project funds for her mother to take with her.

Helping out a friend

"Kenzie had gone around to several local churches to ask for donations," Tucker said. "She has talked to everybody that she knows to see if they would be willing to do a fundraiser for the Breakfast Project. She is doing well and getting closer to her goal."

Katie Tucker works at the Kalawi Farms and Ben's Ice Cream on NC Highway 211 in Eagle Springs. She's the "Ka" in "Kalawi; the business is named for Tucker and her three siblings.

The popular farm stand is well known for its homemade peach ice cream — and what better way to raise money for hungry children in Haiti than an ice cream eating contest. It's not often that people are given the chance to be charitable and indulgent, at the same time.

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(See "Ice Cream," p. 15)

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in New Jersey working her way up as branch manager of one of the largest branch banks and becoming vice president of the corporate loan division. She was also a Master Bridge player.

Survivors include her son William Pope of the home; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial mass will be held on Friday, July 12 at 11 am at Our Lady of the

Americas Catholic Church, Candor. A reception will follow, so friends may visit with the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: Seven Lakes EMS, 969 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376 or Our Lady of the Americas Catholic Church, 298 Farmers Market Road, Biscoe, NC 27209-9782.

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In lieu of flowers and cards, the family asks that donations be directed to the Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Blvd, Oceanside, CA 92057.

Ice Cream contest

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tose intolerant. Contestants will have ten minutes to eat as much ice cream as they can, until they reach true bliss or a mind numbing brain freeze.

This is not your ordinary ice cream eating contest, because quality matters. After much discussion, Tucker has settled on fresh-churned, creamy vanilla ice cream for the contest.

"The prize will be a surprise," Tucker said.

"Right now we have three people signed up for the contest on July 21 at 3:00 pm," Tucker said. "I would like for people who want to enter to sign up by July 19, so we

will know how much ice cream to make."

Contestants can enter by making a donation of \$20 or more to The Breakfast Program.

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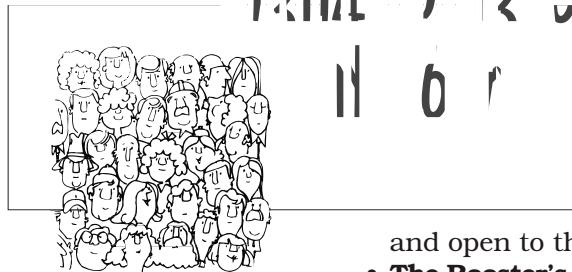
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- **Moore County Library in Carthage** – 4:30 to 6 pm. Teens are invited to find out how Coke and Mentos make for Weird Science at the Library. Be sure to wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy! 910-947-5335 or check out Moore County Library on Facebook. Moore County Library, 101 Saunders Street, Carthage. Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 6 pm, Sat. 10 am - 4 pm. www.srls.info.
- **Free Concert for Backpack Pals** – 6:30-9:30 pm at Lake House Bar & Grill on Grant Street, Seven Lakes. *Eastwood Hawk* performs for the evening. Donations of non-perishable food items accepted for Backpack Pals. Call 673-3737 for information.
- **Casual Friday at SLCC** – 5:30-9:00 pm. Buffet dinner served from 5:30 - 7 pm. Call 673-1100 by 3:30 pm on July 10 for details and reservations.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

- **The Sandhills Quilt Guild** – offering a basic quilting class at the main library in Carthage from 10 am to 12 pm. For information about this or future classes, call 947-5335. Moore County Library, 101 Saunders Street, Carthage. Mon-Fri

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- **Town Creek Indian Mound** – Happy



Birthday Dr. Coe, 10 am - 4 pm. Celebrate the birth of the "Godfather of North Carolina Archaeology," and learn more about the science he taught and practiced. Games and activities for kids, living history demonstrations throughout the day, and artists on site offering their creations for sale. Birthday cake and ice cream served at 1 pm. Admission is free, and open to the public. Town Creek Indian Mound, 509 Town Creek Mound Rd., Mt. Gilead (910) 439-6802.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-3838.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *The Great Gatsby*, starring: Leonardo DiCaprio & Tobey Maguire, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines 692-3611.
- **Weymouth Woods** – 3 pm, Scutes and Scales. What do these words have in

common? You'll find out when you join the Ranger to learn about the reptile residents of the Sandhills. Meet at the Visitor Center

Auditorium. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free

and open to the public.

- **The Rooster's Wife** – doors open at 6 pm, show at 6:45 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. *Rebecca Pronsky*. Buy tickets online, or at the door. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910)-944-7502.

MONDAY, JULY 15

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Game Room. Open to all landowners.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary

Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *The Great Gatsby*, starring: Leonardo DiCaprio & Tobey Maguire, 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased.
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 6 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **"How to Help the Resistant Senior"** – 6 pm to 7 pm. Free workshop for family caregivers of seniors. Sandhills Memory Care, 292 MacDougall Drive. Speaker Barbara Stender, Caregiver Specialist. Refreshments. Call 673-

2230 or 673-2045 to reserve a seat.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – Classic movie night with *Annie Hall*, starring: Woody Allen & Diane Keaton, 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$5. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship and devotion and a meal at \$5.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes

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FRIDAY, JULY 19

- **Foxfire Women's Association Luncheon** – in the Foxfire Golf Resort Dining Room. 11:30 am, Punch Social 12:00 pm Luncheon. \$12.50 tax and gratuity included. Guest speaker at 12:30 pm is Cheryl Darwell, Owner of Cruise Planners. RSVP by July 12 to Carolyn Gilbert at 910-673-2934.
- **Moore County Library in Carthage** – 4:30 to 6 pm. Teens who love Origami, Anime, and Manga are invited to the Library. Learn some new origami forms and chat with other fans. 910-947-5335 or Moore County Library, 101 Saunders Street, Carthage. Mon-Fri 8:30 am – 6 pm, Sat. 10 am – 4 pm. www.srls.info
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SATURDAY, JULY 22

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *Before Midnight*, starring:

Ethan Hawke & Julie Delpy, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *Before Midnight*, starring: Ethan Hawke & Julie Delpy, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines 692-3611.
- **Weymouth Woods** – 3 pm, Geology of the Sandhills. Have you ever wondered where all this sand in the Sandhills came from? What is paint rock and soap stone? Join the Park Ranger to learn the answers. Meet at Visitor Center Auditorium. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.
- **The Rooster's Wife** – doors open at 6 pm, show at 6:45 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Jeanne Jolly. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910)-944-7502.

MONDAY, JULY 22

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

- **Faith Baptist Church VBS** – 6:30 pm to 9 pm each night through Friday, July 26, at 2180 Carthage Rd, West End. Bring your children out to enter this epic adventure at Kingdom Rock. www.faithwestend.org
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *Before Midnight*, starring: Ethan Hawke & Julie Delpy, 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- **Sandhills Natural History Society** – meeting 7 pm, at Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. Potluck Night: Bring a dish or snack to contribute while the group looks through a collection of nature photography taken by members. Visitors welcome. 910-692-2167 or www.sandhillsnature.org

TUESDAY, JULY 23

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased.
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association**

– 7 pm, work session. West Side Park Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- **Moore County Library** – Aaargh, mateys! A little parrot reported that Pirate Amber will be setting sail for an adventure! At the Library in Carthage at 10:30 am or at Robbins Area Library at 3 pm. Moore County Library, 101 Saunders Street, Carthage. Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 6 pm, Sat. 10 am - 4 pm. www.srls.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – Classic movie night with *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, starring: Spencer Tracy & Sidney Poitier, 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship and devotion and a meal at \$5.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Save Our Sandhills Civil War Presentation** – 7 pm to 9 pm, "The Battle of Monroe's Crossroads." Presentation at the Southern Pines Elks Lodge, 280 Country Club Circle (former Southern Pines Country Club). Admission free. Refreshments served.

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Gray Havens

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vocals have a subtlety and freedom that is very rare in the folk-pop world.

The song "Gray Flowers" starts with a comfortably folksy guitar strum, but by the second bar of the vocals you know you are on some very unique, very jazz-inflected terrain. Even the sweet jangle-pop "Let's Get Married," has those jazzy vocal touches that make the Havens' sound distinctive.

Story and allegory

That's the music; the lyrics are just as unique. Dave Radford's songwriting tells stories, but those stories live in worlds of the imagination that aren't quite this world. Often verging on the surreal, the images pile up like scenes from one of Bob Dylan's epic yarns or Van Morrison's hymns to the silence.

"I love narrative, fiction stories, CS Lewis and Tolkien," Radford told *The Times*. "Story is what draws me in — and I'm not alone in that. We live in a culture that is obsessed with story. And I am a very visually oriented thinker. I'm trying to illustrate the thing in my mind."

Asked about the use of allegory, Radford said, "Some people are perhaps tired of being directly hit over the head with an idea. So, to speak of things indirectly, sometimes allows the listener to feel the idea or whatever you are trying to convey — and piercingly, if it is sung about or written about in an indirect way."

Behind many of Radford's allegories lie messages that are clearly religious, but that is more a product of his own

faith and the images that inform his life than any overt attempt to proselytize.

"I usually start with the music first," he said. "I get the chord progression, a

melody that I like, and then start thinking about lyrics. The ideas that come to my mind in that moment are a compilation of all my experiences and everything that I believe."

"Whatever anyone holds most strongly is going to come out, whatever they do," he said. "That would be true of my music as well. At the same time, it's not contrived. I wouldn't know what else to write and be genuine."

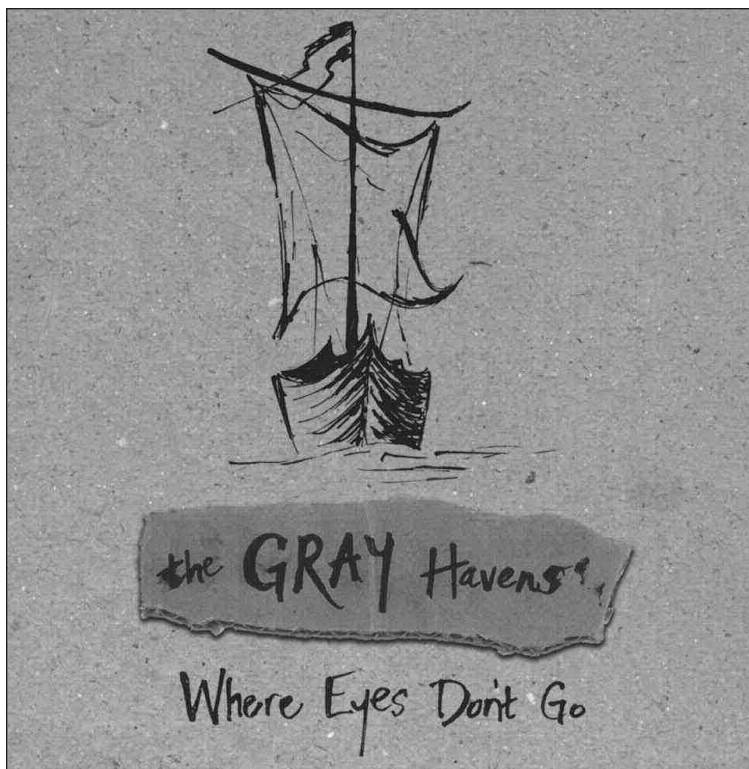
Eyes Don't Go are available for streaming or downloading on the band's website: thegrayhavensmusic.com. An online store makes available CDs, t-shirts, and posters. The CD is also available for purchase through iTunes and Amazon.

Though they don't yet have a gig scheduled in North Carolina, Radford told *The Times* that "We are trying to play out as much as we can."

A list of upcoming dates is also available on the website.

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Andrew is the son of Jim and Anne Jernigan of Horseheads, NY.

He is the grandson of Helen Jernigan of Seven Lakes, and the late Lewis Jernigan and Louis and Shirley Nudo of Syracuse, NY.

Andrew will be attending Suny at Oswego in the fall, majoring in graphic design.



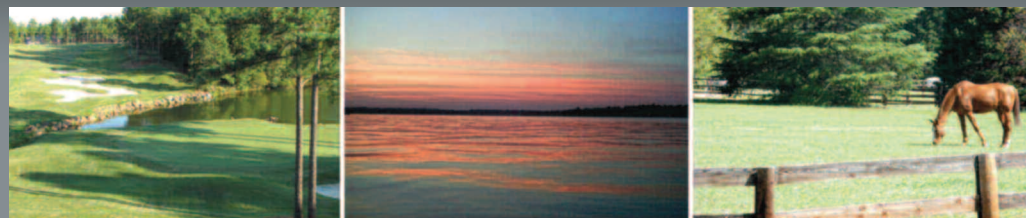
Amber Kaye Spelman

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Battling the prickles for black raspberries

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It's berry-picking season, and I have been doing my part to increase the family intake of the powerful antioxidants reputed to lie inside the deep purple skins of blackberries and raspberries.

My love affair with berry-picking began long before anyone had ever heard of antioxidants.

My grandmother lived ten miles up a mountain and three miles down a dirt road, in the epicenter of Smith Ridge, Virginia.

Across the road from her house was a big thicket of black raspberries. These are not the blackberries one finds scattered along the roadsides of the North Carolina Piedmont, but a different — and much finer — species altogether. Nor are they the red raspberries that get more press, despite tasting a bit like cough syrup.

No, the black raspberry is, for my money, the king of berries.

My greatest joy in childhood was to visit my grandmother when the raspberries were ripe. I'd fidget and fret until the grown-ups finally gave my cousins and me permission to cross the road and

pick berries.

Mawmaw (that's what I called my grandmother) would inevitably shout out: "You children watch out for snakes. If you smell cucumbers, you'd better run!"



Out Here

Greg Hankins

Copperheads, the most common of the poisonous snakes in those parts, are reputed to smell like cucumbers. I have caught and relocated a few copperheads in my time, and I haven't noticed the smell. On the other hand, I didn't get close enough to those snakes to smell behind their ears, so maybe I missed the scent.

The cousins and I would emerge from the thicket an hour or so later with a can half full of berries (the other half having been consumed on the spot), clothes stained purple, and plenty of scratches on our arms and legs.

I just spent the Fourth of July holiday acquiring a fresh batch of those scratches, along with two gallons of black raspberries, which have been turned into freezer jam.

Freezer jam has a higher fruit to sugar ratio, and is cooked not much at all. It tastes more like berries than sugar, which is why I prefer it — though you do have to have a freezer in which to store the finished product.

My mother made biscuits my last day in Virginia. There's not much finer eating than black raspberry jam on a hot, buttered, homemade biscuit.

My raspberry scratches overlaid nicely the batch I acquired the week before, picking North Carolina blackberries nearer home. I read that the sharp pointy things on the canes of the blackberry aren't true thorns, but rather "prickles." I'm not at all sure my skin can tell the difference.

Blackberry jam isn't as popular in my family as raspberry, strawberry, and blueberry, so I save the sugar it would take to make jam and simply freeze the blackberries whole on a cookie sheet.

I vacuum-seal the frozen berries in one- and two-cup quantities, and use them in the winter on oatmeal and in smoothies.

If you happen to stop along some roadside to pick some berries of your own, and aren't quite sure what you've got in your hand, here's a tip.

It turns out one of the key differences in raspberries and blackberries is the fate of something called the "torus." That's the pale-colored protrusion in the center of the berry that attaches it to the plant. When you pick a blackberry, the torus comes

along for the ride. When you pick a ripe raspberry, the torus stays on the cane, leaving a hollow berry.

I haven't picked any blueberries yet; I hope to find some this weekend, so there's plenty of jam to go around this winter. I haven't found a roadside patch of wild blueberries yet, so I pay to pick those.

The "free" blackberries and raspberries that I pick, I pay for with scratches and blood.

Close encounter with soccer great

Having been an avid soccer fan my entire adult life, you can imagine my surprise to see Clint Dempsey in a local grocery store. Playing for the Tottenham Hotspurs in North London, he has become arguably the most successful U.S. Soccer player to play in the English Premier League.

Clint started life in Texas and was a top youth and collegiate player before joining the New England Revolution in the MLS. In 2007, he was recruited by Fulham in the English Premier League and became their all time leading scorer before being bought by Tottenham, a top club in the world. He has also become the leader for U.S. Men's National Soccer Team which has had many successes.

Clint is preparing to return to London for pre-season training and explained that he was in the area visiting in-laws.

It was easy for me to recognize him because I see him on television over 30 times a year. On my short "bucket list" I hope to get to London this year and watch him live, Tottenham tickets can be very hard to acquire.

In closing, I would like to add that Mr. Dempsey was extremely polite and cordial to take a few moments to visit with a fan. We can all be proud to have a young man like him representing the U.S. at the highest level in sports.

Frank Holloway
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SOS presents session on Civil War battle

The Battle of Monroe's Crossroads, fought about eight miles east of present-day Southern Pines on March 10, 1865 was one of the last great cavalry battles of the Civil War.

Because it occurred as the war was winding down, and because the site is now in a restricted area of the Fort Bragg Military Reservation, this battle has never been afforded the historical significance that it deserves.

Save Our Sandhills President Joe McDonald will share the story of this battle on Thursday, July 25, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Southern Pines Elks Lodge, 280 Country Club Circle (former Southern Pines Country Club).

McDonald will describe how the Confederate and Union forces moved through the Southern Pines and Aberdeen areas to set the scene for the battle and how the subsequent events transpired.

There was a stellar cast of characters. All of the principal cavalry commanders in the eastern region of the country were present.

On the Confederate side were Lt. General Wade Hampton, Major General Joseph Wheeler, and Major General Matthew C. Butler. On the Union side was Brevet Major General Hugh Judson Kilpatrick and his brigade commanders.

All together, 4,000 to 5,000 men participated.

This battle saw some of the

most intense and bloody hand-to-hand combat that had been seen in the entire course of the war.

One historian noted that had this battle been fought in Northern Virginia in 1862, it would be a household word today.

And finally, the battle had considerable strategic significance. It delayed Kilpatrick's

arrival in Fayetteville and thus afforded the Confederate infantry under Lt. General Hardee time to safely get across the Cape Fear River, and it probably gave the Confederate forces the opportunity to put up more resistance at Averasboro and Bentonville.

McDonald is a native of Moore County, born in a

house on Bethesda Road near Southern Pines that was built by an ancestor prior to the Revolutionary War (and which was visited by Union troops on their way to Monroe's Crossroads). He has had a lifelong interest in local history.

Admission is free and the public is invited. Refreshments served.



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Local teens win McDonald's scholarships

Forty-two Triangle-area students have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships from Ronald McDonald House Charities of North Carolina (RMHC of NC) and local McDonald's owner/operators for outstanding academic achievement and community involvement.

Local scholar Zoe Harrison, of West End was among a



Scholarship winner
Zoe Harrison

number of students from across the state that received college scholarships from RMHC of NC and local McDonald's franchisees.

All scholarship recipients were recognized at an awards reception on Wednesday, May 22 in the courtyard at WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh.

"Each year, I am impressed by the applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to furthering their education," said Triangle-area McDonald's Owner/Operator Doris Huebner. "It's an honor to reward these 42 students these scholarships."

Through programs like this and other local education-based initiatives, McDonald's owner/operators in the Triangle are committed to supporting our students' pursuits of their higher education goals."

RMHC scholarship recipients were chosen based on their leadership skills, academic success, community

involvement, financial need and a personal essay describing how they intend to make a difference in society.

In addition to the RMHC Scholars, 27 local McDonald's employees were awarded with \$1,000 Ray Kroc Youth Achievement Award Scholarships.

These scholarships are awarded to McDonald's employees who are furthering their secondary education and have made significant contributions to their communities and achieved academic success.

This year's local Ray Kroc Scholarship recipient is Magan Hart, of Carthage.



Ronald McDonald, Scholarship winner Magan Hart, and Triangle McDonald's Owner/Operator John Parker

Quilting at the library

The Sandhills Quilt Guild is offering a basic quilting class at the Moore County Library in Carthage from 10:00 am to Noon on Saturday, July 13

For information about this or future classes, call 947-5335.

Moore County Library is located at 101 Saunders Street, Carthage and is open Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 6:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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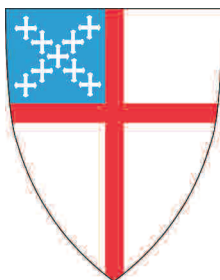
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could increase proportionately if the County's water rates increased.

The County is preparing an application for a zero percent interest loan, aiming for a September deadline.

"It might be a good time to have [Randy Gould] come back for another meeting and act relatively quickly," Durham advised. "This has been my position from the beginning. Clearly, this is in the best interest of Foxfire going forward, pending financial feasibility. If Foxfire wants to be a part of this funding we need to make a decision soon. Zero percent financing is about as good as it gets."

Frusco said securing the funding will be a long process.

"It will take months to get a funding packet through," she said. "They are not even expecting to have the funding until next Spring. Then engineering and everything else has to be done. Time wise, if we are going to be prudent about this, we should schedule a meeting to garner public input in the next couple of weeks" Frusco said.

"The financing would be zero percent," she added, "and you can't get much better than that, as Steve said."

"We have some questions to make sure how we would want the financing to be handled with our residents and whether it will pass with our local government commission. This is something we should try to resolve in the next couple of days."

Public input concerning water set for July 25

The board compared calendars and decided the best date to hold the meeting would during the next regularly scheduled Council Work Session on Thursday, July 25. The location of the meeting would move from the Village Offices to the Village Hall.

Could water deal hinder growth?

Mayor Erickson raised several concerns about the proposed merger of the water systems.

"I have a couple of issues on approving and moving forward," Erickson said. "I would like to see what contract that they draw up, one for our attorney to review and copies for each of us as well."

"The other thing is, somehow in the details, I think we need to work out and discuss a request to allow for continued annexation in the future, so that the County is not going to be able to say, you can't annex them and give them water. Somehow, in working out the language, it doesn't limit us to 5,500 acres, what we have now, and that we can continue to grow."

Annexations can be expensive

Past voluntary annexations by the Village have proven expensive, Frusco said.

"I think we need to be very careful about future annex-

ations," she said. "We can get ourselves into a situation where someone wants to be annexed, and we are then responsible for [the infrastructure costs even though it is] one house actually being built instead of the promised fifty. As soon as they put up one home, then the Village has the responsibility of maintaining the streets, mowing, and providing security."

"There is so much land that already exists in Foxfire Village, I can't envision developing all the vacant land with in the corporate village," Frusco said. "I can't imagine it being developed in the next 50 years."

Erickson disagreed.

"We said that years ago, and then we ended up with 100 houses being built in a year," he said. "I would rather have us at 5,500 acres than the 2,100 acres we had in 2003."

"I think, long term, it would be more beneficial to our community than to restrict ourselves to 2,100 acres. That's why I have supported that growth for our commu-

nity over the long term in its best interest."

Water is priority

No request for annexation into the Village has been denied since 2003. Durham advised developing a strategy for addressing future annexation.

"If we are just going to sit back and say we will just deal with requests of annexation one at a time, it is a little short sighted," Durham said. "I agree with George that we shouldn't do anything to limit our ability to annex. That I agree with."

However, Durham disagreed with allowing questions about annexation to

hinder water negotiations.

Water Interrupted

Unusually heavy rain fall has resulted in less residential irrigation — enough less that there was no shortage of water during the four days that the Village's Well #10 on Hoffman Road across from Grand Pines was out of service.

"The motor burned out," Durham reported. "Jon [Sedlak, Water Superintendent] said he was not sure what caused the failure. It could have been mechanical or lightning. We just received the bill, in excess of \$6,000."

(See "Foxfire," p. 26)



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Deadline approaching on Foxtail Circle

An October deadline is rapidly approaching for local developer and builder Ron Jackson, who must address the three unfinished foundations on Foxtail Lane that were abandoned more than a decade ago.

In April, Jackson was given notice by certified letter that he had six months to correct or rectify the unsightly and hazardous construction site.

In an attempt to comply Jackson offered to give the properties to Foxfire Village. A discussion of how to respond to that offer was included in the published agenda for the Tuesday, July 9 meeting of the Foxfire Village Council.

But, when the item came up, Tuesday night, Mayor George Erickson said that it was premature to have included the item on the agenda and that it would be better discussed during a Council Work Session with the Village's attorney, Michael Brough, in attendance.

"It should be discussed at our next work session," Erickson said. "I think we need to go to Mr. Brough about

this issue and spend some time discussing it."

But, before the Council moved on to other agenda items, Councilman Mick McCue made clear his stance on the issue.

"We can not take on more debt in order to sell property," he said.

Two lots with in the Jackson property are currently involved in a bankruptcy. If ownership were transferred to the Village, the Village would be responsible for the debt.

McCue concluded: "If it is so easy to sell that piece of property, then let Mr. Jackson. He should do it to avoid penalties in the future."

Councilman Steve Durham concurred with McCue, saying, "I couldn't agree more."

After the meeting, Coun-

cilwoman Leslie Frusco told *The Times*: "He (Ron Jackson) wants to give it to us. But two plots are secured by debt. Unless the bank resolves the debt, we absorb that debt. As Mick said, we are out of the debt service business."

If it accepted the lots, the Village would also be financially responsible for removing the foundations.

Rarely Used Municipal Absentee Voting Rescinded

Only twenty-six citizens have utilized absentee voting during the last four Foxfire Village municipal elections, and 20 of those occurred in 2007. There were six absentee ballots in 2011 and none in 2005 and 2009.

The Council passed unanimously a resolution rescinding absentee voting for munic-

ipal elections. The resolution will be sent to the Moore County Board of Elections.

"When we discussed this during the Work Session, we found it would be a significant cost saving to the Village of \$700," Frusco explained.

During the Work Session, Councilman McCue had suggested that the Village could offer to drive anyone who need transportation to a voting station.

Under budget

"All departments are under budget," Frusco said, reviewing the financial report. "We ended the past fiscal year on a very good note, and that's the way we will pursue the current fiscal year."

Rain Delays

Recent heavy rains have delayed paving projects, Councilman Vic Koos said.

"The asphalt company doesn't make asphalt when it is raining," he said. "The paving company is slightly behind because of what is going on."

The rainfall has also caused drainage problems that could further delay paving, Koos explained.

"Tentatively, I have Deer Track and Burning Tree Place rescheduled for paving," he said. "I say 'tentatively,' because we have had draining problems come up with rain. I have to determine what needs to be done with drainage, and if it is Village's or resident's responsibility for fixing it."

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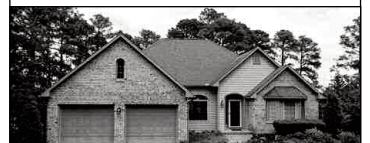
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Budgeting for maintenance unpredictable

The unseasonably stormy weather and increase in van-

dalism drove up maintenance expenses for the month of June," Director Leach reported.

"It is a difficult position to be in," he said.

"There are a lot of things that do require maintenance that we can't budget for, like storm damage and fallen trees."

"Vandalism continues to take a lot of our staff's time that could be directed elsewhere."

Carp introduced to control Hydrilla

Forty exotic sterile Asian carp have been introduced into Lake Echo to curtail, if not eliminate, the unwanted exotic aquatic plant hydrilla.

The carp graze solely on hydrilla, which was once a popular aquarium plant. The weed was introduced into the waterways of Florida when irresponsible residents dumped the contents of their old aquariums outside.

"The unfortunate thing is that it grows about foot a

day in ideal conditions," Community Manager Ray Sohl explained. "It cannot be eradicated, but it can be controlled. Sterile carp 'cows' are vegetarians and will not impact our game fish, because they represent a different niche in the ecosystem.

"Foster Lake Management Company made its first inspection, and they did discover hydrilla in one cove in Lake Echo," Sohl reported.

One way to combat the spread of hydrilla is by care-

(See "SLLA," p. 29)

SLLA asks residents to help control hydrilla

Hydrilla is spreading in North Carolina and is difficult to control. It can be spread by water fowl, boats, and through the watersheds. Routine monitoring to catch it early and the introduction of sterile grass carp is a good preventive strategy.

In May, Seven Lakes Landowners Association hired a professional lake management company to conduct monthly lake water quality tests and fishery and aquatic assessments.

This month they observed Hydrilla in a cove in Echo Lake, and have introduced sterile carp to help control this invasive weed.

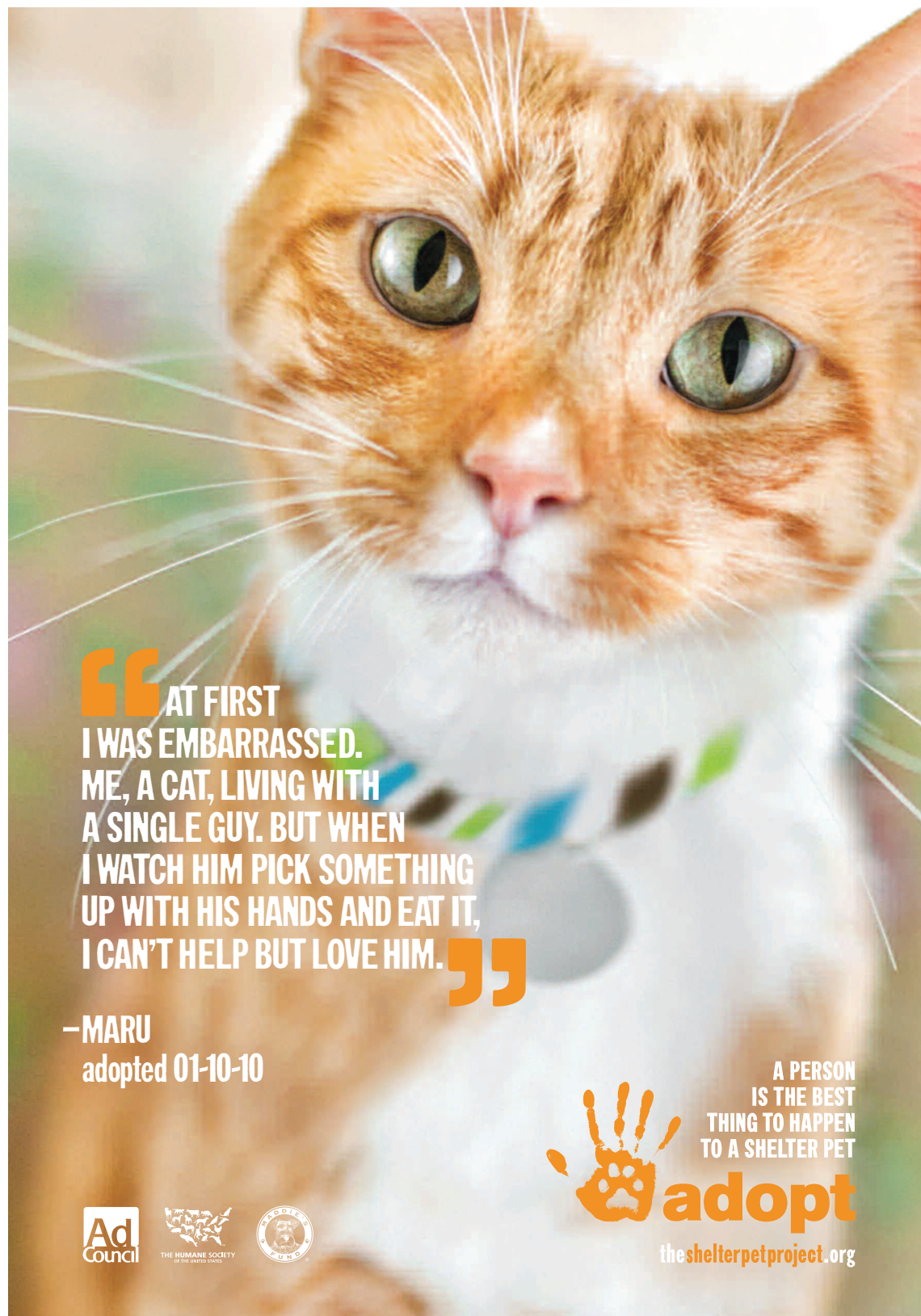
What can you do to prevent the spread of hydrilla?

The spread of hydrilla from one body of water to another can be greatly reduced, if boaters remove all aquatic weeds from boats, trailers and fishing gear before leaving lakes, rivers, ponds and streams.

Hydrilla fragments attached to boat hulls and to trailers will spread the weed from one location to another.

After boating out of the community, boaters should always thoroughly wash their boats and trailers before launching into lakes at Echo or Sequoia. This also applies to canoes and kayaks.

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fully washing boats, trailers, and fishing gear after they have been used in bodies of water outside Seven Lakes. (See box on page 28.)

Roadway pruning and trimming

The Emergency Medical Service and Firefighters require sixteen feet of overhead clearance along roadways, and SLLA streets are past due a trimming.

"The tree trimming proposal recommendation is to approve the lowest bidder, Superior Tree Company, and pay them \$1400 per day up to the budget of \$12,000 to trim all trees along highways," SLLA manager Ray Sohl reported.

Superior Tree will complete the work over the course of thirty days dependent on their schedule and other commitments.

"I recognize that on the South Side and some roads on North are pretty critical," Sohl said.

He also advised: "This should be a line item included each year in the budget, so

that this doesn't become the huge problem it is today, and we can approach it on an annual basis."

Treasurer Conrad Meyer agreed with Sohl's recommendation that trimming become a regular line item in each year's budget.

Moving toward a barcode-only system

The SLLA is taking the first step toward exercising better control over entry at the gates by disabling the barcodes of landowners whose account is more than sixty days delinquent.

The bar code system can be updated electronically to detect and prevent automatic entry by landowners and renters who are not current in their dues payments — something that is much harder to achieve with windshield stickers.

The delinquent resident would be required to ask for a thirty-day hangtag pass and enter each time through the lefthand lane at the gate.

"We would not deny access to anyone," President Steve Ritter explained. "They would

have to get a hanging thirty day pass."

"This is the first step in doing away with stickers and moving toward only barcodes," Manager Sohl added. "It will help improve security. The policy has been in place on many properties all over the country."

"Eligibility to an amenity goes away when the account goes into arrears," Sohl said. "The barcodes only allow automatic entry for residents in good standing. They will be deactivated if resident is sixty days in arrears."

Volunteers needed

The Community Standards Committee needs several more volunteers, Director Bob Racine reported, adding that it is a hard but rewarding job.

"People are always asking what happens if they don't comply with the rules," Racine said. "Last month, a resident was cited for parking a vehicle off his approved driveway. He was told if it happens again he would be automatically fined \$100 a day without further warning. He has repeated the offense and has been assessed a

penalty for each day the vehicle was parked in violation. He has a total assessment of \$500 against him."

Bylaws work session scheduled

The Association has

received a redrafting of SLLA bylaws by an outside attorney.

The Board scheduled a work session for Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm in the Game Room to discuss the draft.

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Marketing and selling the property as a unit would be in the Village's best interest, saving not only time but also expense.

"We would be better off if someone came in and bought

the whole thing," McCue said.

Council members committed to continue developing a marketing plan for the project, with the goal of having a plan in place by Summer's end.

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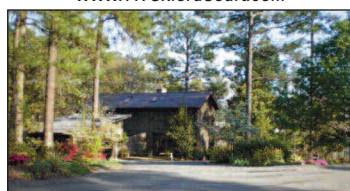
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